

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SETHUSAMUDRAM SHIP CHANNEL PROJECT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sethusamudram Ship channel project has any adverse impact on the livelihood of people living in the vicinity of the project site;
- (b) if so, the villages affected by the project; and
- (c) steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (c): Based on the Detailed Environmental Impact Assessment Study and Detailed Feasibility Report, it is stated that there is no impact on ecology and environment in the dredging and dumping areas of Sethusamudram Ship Channel Project. As such, there is no adverse impact on the livelihood of people living in the vicinity of the project site.

In terms of Ministry of Environment and Forests Order dated the 31st March, 2005, adequate arrangements to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to the coastal communities, including fishermen, have been made. About 2% of the project cost has been made available for such activities.